

## Pronouns . . .

### Types of Pronouns

#### 760.1

##### Demonstrative Pronouns

A demonstrative pronoun points out or identifies a noun without naming the noun. When used together in a sentence, *this* and *that* distinguish one item from another, and *these* and *those* distinguish one group from another. (See page 762.)

**This is a great idea; that was a nightmare.**

**These are my favorite foods, and those are definitely not.**

**NOTE** When these words are used before a noun, they are not pronouns; rather, they are demonstrative adjectives.

**Coming to this picnic was fun—and those ants think so, too.**

#### 760.2

##### Intensive Pronouns

An intensive pronoun emphasizes, or *intensifies*, the noun or pronoun it refers to. Common intensive pronouns include *itself*, *myself*, *himself*, *herself*, and *yourself*.

**Though the chameleon's quick-change act protects it from predators, the lizard *itself* can catch insects 10 inches away with its long, sticky tongue.**

**When a chameleon changes its skin color—seemingly matching the background—the background colors *themselves* do not affect the chameleon's color changes.**

**NOTE** These sentences would be complete without the intensive pronoun. The pronoun simply emphasizes a particular noun.

#### 760.3

##### Reflexive Pronouns

A reflexive pronoun refers back to the subject of a sentence, and it is always an object (never a subject) in a sentence. Reflexive pronouns are the same as the intensive pronouns—*itself*, *myself*, *himself*, *herself*, *yourself*, and so on.

**A chameleon protects *itself* from danger by changing colors.**  
(direct object)

**A chameleon can give *itself* tasty meals of unsuspecting insects.** (indirect object)

**I wish I could claim some of its amazing powers for *myself*.**  
(object of the preposition)

**NOTE** Unlike sentences with intensive pronouns, these sentences would *not* be complete without the reflexive pronouns.

## Grammar Practice

### Pronouns 2

#### ■ Demonstrative Pronouns



Write whether the underlined word is a demonstrative adjective or a demonstrative pronoun. **Extra Challenge:** Rewrite any sentence that contains a demonstrative adjective, changing the sentence so that the word is used as a pronoun instead.

**Example:** This cave is deep and dark.

*demonstrative adjective*

*This is a deep and dark cave.*

1. That concert was awful.
2. This is my absolute favorite meal!
3. Those are some of the birds I told you about.
4. This diagram is very confusing.
5. That was an unusual discovery.

#### ■ Intensive Pronouns

#### ■ Reflexive Pronouns



For each sentence below, write whether the underlined pronoun is "intensive" or "reflexive."

**Example:** Have you yourself ever tried inventing something?

*intensive*

1. Many famous inventors have found themselves doing unusual things to prove their points.
2. Even Benjamin Franklin himself, a remarkable inventor, took risks.
3. I myself would be afraid to fly a kite during a lightning storm.
4. A metal wire on the kite drew the lightning's electricity to itself.
5. Mr. Franklin just wanted to prove something to himself.